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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Amory

SUBJECT : "Some Comparable Data on the Soviet Bloc", the  
CIA Annex to the NSC Report on the Status of  
National Security Programs as of 30 June 1954

1. A copy of this Annex is attached. It follows the same  
general lines as its predecessors in NSC 5407 and NSC 161.

2. The introduction cites the sources used in its prepara-  
tion.

3. Attached you will also find a covering memo for the DCI's  
signature; it speaks for itself. Nevertheless, I would like to  
emphasize my very strong recommendation that we discontinue this  
boondoggle. I have been responsible for this thing on all three  
occasions. I can testify that a lot of time is spent in producing  
it, whereas all the information is available in NIE's and SNIE's.

4. I believe it was originally a bright idea of [REDACTED].  
Well, we've given it a fair trial and I think it is more trouble  
than it is worth, because I am pretty certain that no one reads  
it.

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5. [REDACTED] agrees with the above.

6. <sup>✓ the annex</sup> ~~This~~ is a bit longer than they ([REDACTED]) wanted, but  
I do not think they will mind.

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[REDACTED]  
Staff Assistant

Attachments